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## "Victory" Convention of State Federation of Labor to Meet in Long Beach Next Monday

Record-shattering in attendance and importance, the forty-third annual ("Victory") convention of the California State Federation of Labor will convene next Monday, September 21, at the Municipal Auditorium in Long Beach in the midst of the world-shaking events now transpiring on the fighting fronts throughout the globe in which labor is directly and vitally concerned.

Principal figures representing branches of the state and federal governments, as well as the various branches of the armed forces and other organizations associated directly with the war effort, have been invited to address the delegates. It is anticipated that these addresses will not be those merely of the customary welcome and good-will type, but that they will be messages of working and fighting to win the war, and of what labor is doing and can do to help at this vital era in the life of nations.

### War and Victory Will Be Theme

Not only is the convention the first time that the representatives of all the local unions have had a chance to meet together since Pearl Harbor, but it provides the opportunity to review all past accomplishments as well as to chart the coming year's activities.

From the Federation headquarters it is reported that resolutions of every description dealing with the war effort have been pouring in from the various affiliated unions. No stronger proof is needed to reveal the interest and attention labor will give to the many fundamental issues facing it in this "Victory" convention. Not only will the convention have to formulate plans for labor's further part in the war program, but it also will have to map the lines upon which to mobilize the full strength of a free people against the Slave Bill and their legislative enemies now running for office. Strong to protect the interests of labor, as it has always done, the California State Federation of Labor also will gear its powerful organization to be of the greatest possible assistance to our country in winning the war.

### New Constitution in Effect

Headquarters of the convention will be at the Hotel Hilton (formerly The Breakers). This will be the third time that Long Beach has been host to the Federation, the previous meetings in that city having been in 1922, 1929 and 1937. At this session the Federation will be acting under its new constitution, which was revised at last year's gathering in San Francisco, one of the principal changes being an increase in the number of vice-presidential districts.

What promises to be one of the attractive entertainment features of this year's convention is the scheduled presentation of the Revue, "You Can Defend America," which will be given under auspices of the Moral Rearmament movement. This feature is further explained in another column.

C. J. Haggerty of Los Angeles is the Federation's president, a position he has held since 1937, and Edward D. Vandeleur of San Francisco is the incumbent secretary-treasurer, to which office he was first named in 1936.

In addition to the president and secretary-treasurer, members of the executive council are: District No. 1,

Edward F. Pierce, San Diego; No. 2, George C. Bentson, Long Beach; No. 3 (two members), C. T. Lehman and Thomas L. Pitts, Los Angeles; (there is a vacancy in District 4); No. 5, Al Speede, Hollywood; No. 6, Loleta Grande, Santa Barbara; No. 7, F. M. Engle, Bakersfield; No. 8, C. A. Green, Modesto; No. 9, Thomas A. Small (for Santa Clara County); No. 10 (four members), Anthony L. Noriega, George Kelly, Harry Lundberg and Capt. C. F. May, all of San Francisco; No. 11, Charles W. Real, Oakland; No. 12, Paul E. Burg, Martinez; No. 13, F. C. Chesebro, Vallejo; No. 14, George W. Stokel, Sacramento; No. 15, Albin J. Gruhn, Eureka.

### Recalling Former Officials

Since the Federation was organized, in 1901, there have been eighteen occupants of the office of president, as follows: 1901, Cecil D. Rogers, of the Typographical Union, Oakland; 1902-3, John Davidson, Ship Joiners, Vallejo; 1904-5, Harry A. Knox, Street Carmen, San Francisco; 1906, G. S. Brower, Carpenters No. 483, San Francisco; 1906, Thomas F. Gallagher, Team Drivers, Oakland; 1907-8, George A. Tracy, Typographical, San Francisco; 1908, Alexander M. Thompson, Team Drivers, Oakland; 1909-11, Dan-

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## Green Favors Grant Of Powers to President

An International News Service dispatch last Wednesday stated that President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, testifying before the Senate banking committee, urged that "absolute total authority" to stabilize wages and prices be conferred upon President Roosevelt, and that Green wholeheartedly approved proposed anti-inflation legislation. The following is further reported in the news article:

### Labor Realizes Need

Declaring that labor realizes that there must be stabilization of wages to halt inflation, Green revealed that labor leaders had reached understandings with President Roosevelt.

"I think you could accomplish your objective by conferring on the President absolute total authority," said Green. "Then we would have accomplished what we discussed."

Green added his weight to the Administration's "before October 1" anti-inflation drive in Congress as the House banking committee moved to speed action by sending the Steagall bill to curb the cost of living directly to the floor of the House.

### Hearings Refused

The banking committee thus refused to hold hearings on the Steagall proposal, which is similar to a measure now before the Senate.

Green said that labor's objectives are: (1) Preserve collective bargaining; (2) preserve mediation processes; (3) the whole question of wage stabilization to be dealt with by competent authorities under the direction of the President.

Green said labor wants stabilization agreements already in existence exempted from the wage fixing.

## A.F.L. Supporting Bill to Broaden and Liberalize Social Security Program

Backed by the full strength of the American Federation of Labor, a drive has been opened in Congress to broaden and liberalize the social security program.

Amendments to the Social Security Act, as advocated by the A.F.L., have been introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Thomas H. Eliot of Massachusetts.

"The purpose of these amendments," A.F.L. President William Green explained, "is to extend the coverage of social security to millions of Americans not now included, to increase and widen benefits so that workers can be protected against post-war upheavals and to prevent inflation by increasing the tax contributions by workers to Social Security funds."

### Coverage Is Extended

The bill introduced by Representative Eliot, who formerly served as counsel for the Social Security Board—

1. Extends the coverage of old age insurance to agricultural workers, domestic servants, self-employed persons and others not now within the scope of the act.

2. Increases the amount of old-age benefits (the increases range from \$1.50 to \$8 a month, depending on the individual's earnings).

3. Extends benefits in the same amount as old-age insurance to workers disabled for more than six months, except where such disablement is due to occupational injury, in which case the workers are entitled to workmen's compensation under existing laws. It also protects the claims to old age and survivors' insurance which are now lost through disability.

### Uniform Jobless Benefits

4. Federalizes unemployment insurance under a uniform system of benefits, including 26 weeks during which insurance is paid, reduction of the waiting period before which workers become eligible.

5. Workers disabled for less than six months, except through occupational injury, would get benefits equivalent to unemployment compensation.

6. Provides additional and increased unemployment and disability benefits for workers' dependents, as well as maternity benefits.

7. Sets up a system of hospitalization benefits.

### Increase in Workers' Tax

8. The Social Security tax upon workers would be increased by 2 per cent now, and as much as 3 per cent by 1949, with no additional tax upon the employer because the new benefits would redound primarily to workers and their dependents.

9. Provides for the payment of unemployment compensation to soldiers discharged from military service after the war, until they find employment, the cost to be borne by the federal government out of general revenue.

10. Makes legal provision for a permanent national employment service.

### STRIKE AGAINST NAZIS URGED

The British radio reported that the free trade union movement in Norway was distributing pamphlets urging Norwegian workers to strike against being conscripted to build Nazi defenses.

## Next Thursday Is the Last Day to Register for Voting!



## Green, Meany Emphatic In Labor Day Addresses

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor predicted in Omaha on Labor Day that American workers would accept the sacrifices involved in President Roosevelt's war-time wage stabilization program "for their own ultimate good and the nation's welfare." He spoke to the nation over a coast-to-coast radio network from Vennylst Park, where thousands of workers gathered to attend America's outstanding Labor Day celebration.

### The Call of Duty

President Green summoned the six million members of the American Federation of Labor to respond to the call of duty. "The call of the moment is to labor," he said. "It is a clear and unmistakable call for more planes and more bombs and more tanks, guns and ships. The voice of a united nation appeals to labor to produce these weapons of war in unlimited quantities for our fighting troops who are being sent across the seven seas to strike a death blow at the enemy. The Army, Navy and Air Forces will not fail us. We must not fail them!"

### "Must Stay on the Job"

Green made an impassioned plea to all A.F.L. members to abide religiously by the Federation's no-strike policy. On that subject he said, in part:

"We are face to face with the greatest crisis of our time. We cannot continue business as usual or strikes as usual during such a period. All our liberties, including the right to maintain free and democratic trade unions and the right to strike for any cause, hang in the balance of this war.

"Isn't it obvious that labor must stay on the job now in order to preserve for all time the right to strike against injustice? Isn't it clear that strikes for any cause now will help Hitler deprive us forever of the right to strike? Let us face the facts and act accordingly. We must refrain from work stoppages of any kind now in order to maintain our freedom and opportunity to seek economic and social advancement for labor when the war is over and peace is restored."

### OK Wage Stabilization

Declaring severe measures must be taken to prevent ruinous inflation, Green reminded the nation's workers that the "price of victory is sacrifice." Referring directly to the President's wage stabilization plans, he said: "Knowing the spirit that animates American workers today, I haven't the slightest doubt that they will accept this sacrifice for their own ultimate good and the nation's welfare."

He reported that the A.F.L., with six million mem-

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bers, is at its peak strength, "united and forging ahead with real teamwork." He urged prompt settlement of differences with the C.I.O. and emphatically declared "there is no longer any sound reason or excuse" for disunity.

Congratulating American workers for getting the nation ready for war in double-quick time, Green said it won't be long now before Hitler and Hirohito are forced to defend themselves against superior forces. "The Nazis and the Japs thought this war was going to be a picnic," he said. "They are finding out now that something new has been added."

### Pledge Made by Meany

Secretary-Treasurer George Meany of the A.F.L. spoke in New York City over a nation-wide network on Labor Day eve. Pointing out that American wage-earners have already made sacrifices to help the nation's war effort, he asserted: "We say now to our President—and through him to the American people: 'Whatever it is that we must do, whatever it is that we can do, in order to achieve victory, you can rest assured we will do.'"

Meany declared that the forthcoming peace talks between A.F.L. and C.I.O. committees "must succeed" because the nation demands a quick end to the division in labor's ranks as the most important single contribution labor can make toward the winning of the war.

### Labor Unity of Vital Concern

"Labor unity today," he said, "is a subject that is of vital concern not only to the millions of wage-earners in the American Federation of Labor and in the C.I.O., but to everyone in our nation. For America today is fighting for her very life. She needs every assistance which it is possible to give her in this most desperate of all the wars in American history. What other segments of our population can do for our country in this direction is for them to determine, but for American labor there is no single patriotic contribution that would surpass or even equal the prompt re-establishment of a single, unified labor movement. . . . Our officers on the peace committee will go into that conference room eager to do everything humanly possible to answer our nation's plea for action."

## Cotton Pickers Make Demand

Thousands of handbills are being circulated throughout the South by the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, calling on farm workers to demand \$2 per 100 pounds for picking cotton. Rates now range from 75 cents to \$1.50.

The union asserts that the Government has made an agreement with the Mexican Government to guarantee a minimum wage of 30 cents an hour to all Mexicans brought into the country to work on farms.

American farm-hands, it is claimed, are entitled to at least equal treatment, and the \$2 rate is held necessary to bring hourly wages of pickers up to 30 cents.

## Union Officials to Study Railroads' War Problems

Railroad labor will work with the Office of Defense Transportation toward the solution of many war-time railway transportation problems, a committee of five labor executives promised in a Washington conference with Joseph B. Eastman, director, and other O.D.T. officials.

A discussion of the general manpower situation in the railroad industry resulted in the committee's pledge to use the office of the various labor organizations to aid in checking on the manpower shortage, and to help recruit, so far as possible, new labor to help meet the demands.

The committee emphasized the necessity for the relaxation of age limits and physical requirements on the part of the railroads so that additional personnel for yard and train services may be obtained from men in the age groups from 45 to 55. A number of railroads, it was pointed out, already have extended age limits.

Intensified efforts on the part of railroad labor to use its abilities in the conservation of equipment, supplies and manpower was promised by the committee.

The committee will be called upon by Eastman from time to time for conferences on matters of mutual interest.

## Former Federation Officials

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iel D. Sullivan, Pressmen, Sacramento; 1912-15, Daniel P. Haggerty, Machinists, San Francisco; 1916-21, Daniel C. Murphy, Web Pressmen, San Francisco; 1922-23, Seth R. Brown, Typographical, Los Angeles; 1924-25, Roe H. Baker, Barbers, San Francisco; 1926-27, John F. Dalton, Typographical, Los Angeles; 1928-29, William P. Stanton, Electrical Workers, San Francisco; 1930-33, A. W. Hoch, Machinists, Los Angeles; 1934-35, Edward D. Vandeleur, Street Carmen, San Francisco; 1936, James E. Hopkins, Teamsters, San Francisco; the incumbent, C. J. Haggerty of the Lathers' Union, Los Angeles.

### Served as Secretary

Guy Lathrop of Carpenters No. 483, San Francisco, was the Federation's first secretary, 1901-1902, and his successors have been the following: 1903, George K. Smith, Barbers, Oakland; 1904, George B. Benham, Pressmen, San Francisco; 1905, Frank J. Bonnington, Typographical, San Francisco; 1906-7, James H. Bowling, Street Carmen, San Francisco; 1908-9, George W. Bell, Gas Workers, San Francisco; 1909-1936, Paul Scharrenberg, Sailors' Union of the Pacific, San Francisco; the incumbent, Edward D. Vandeleur, Street Carmen, San Francisco.

### NAVY PERSONNEL DIVISIONS

The Navy Department has moved to establish personnel divisions in all shore establishments to coordinate all questions of industrial relations. This step was announced by Ralph A. Bard, assistant secretary, as a means of implementing the Navy Department's progressive statement of policy on labor relations made early in August.

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# Labor Council Opposes Prop. No. 4

The San Francisco Labor Council went on record, overwhelmingly, at its meeting last week against Proposition No. 4, which will appear on the November ballot.

The proposal would repeal the state income tax, and in addition would, if adopted, prohibit the levying of such a tax in future except through an initiative measure passed by the voters.

In going on record against the proposal, the Council turned down a favorable recommendation thereon, which had been submitted by its law and legislative committee, the vote in committee having been 4 to 1.

## Will Carry Campaign to Convention

The Council also instructed its delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention to carry the campaign against the measure into that body at its meeting in Long Beach next week, and copies of the resolution which was adopted (and which appears elsewhere in this issue of the LABOR CLARION) have been sent to the Council's affiliated unions requesting their concurrence.

President Shelley and Chairman Clarence King of the law and legislative committee were the principal speakers at last Friday night's meeting of the Council, when the subject was considered, the former opposing the committee recommendation and the latter making the affirmative argument thereon.

Shelley pointed out that the state income tax was based on a principle long advocated and maintained by labor, namely, that of "ability to pay," hence it

was a fair method of taxation in that the individual's income, whether large or small, within the provisions of the law, is the basis upon which payment is made. It is declared that 95 per cent of the total state income tax is paid by persons with incomes of over \$5000, while only 5 per cent of the total is paid by those having incomes under that figure.

## Favors Lowering Sales Tax

Shelley pointed out the injustice of the sales tax, not only in its basic principle—the rich and the poor pay the same amount of sales tax for any particular article purchased—but in comparison with the "ability to pay" principle of the income tax. He advocated that to better ease the tax burden on the small income group of citizens that an attempt be made at the coming session of the Legislature to lower the percentage of levy now being made under the sales tax, offering as a figure 1 per cent instead of the present 3 per cent tax on sales, if the system of sales tax is to be maintained—a system which has had the consistent opposition of union labor.

## Resolution Adopted

After the law and legislative committee recommendation on the proposal had been rejected by the Council, Shelley then again offered his resolution, which had been considered by the committee along with one of similar intent from the Molders' Union. His resolution was adopted and, as above stated, appears in another column as the expression of the Council on the subject.

# Next Thursday Last Day For Voters to Register

If you failed to vote in 1940, if you came to San Francisco prior to August 3, if you have moved out of your precinct recently, or if you have recently come of age and have not registered, *you must register at once to be qualified to vote in the November election.*

If there is any doubt about your registration, go to the office of the San Francisco Registrar of Voters in the City Hall. *The deadline for registration is next Thursday, September 24.*

Citizens may register at the city hall or at branch registration places throughout the city which have been set up by Registrar Cameron King, one of these being in the Labor Temple, 2940 Sixteenth street, corner of Capp. Other branch registration offices are located as follows:

Benatar's, Fourth and Market; Emporium, 835 Market; Hale Bros., Fifth and Market; White House, Sutter and Grant; City of Paris, Geary and Stockton; Bank of America, 1 Powell; O'Connor, Moffat & Co., Stockton and O'Farrell; San Francisco Bank, Seventh and Clement; Merchants' Exchange, 465 California; American Trust, Twentieth and Irving; Bank of America, Twentieth and Taraval; San Francisco Bank, Haight and Belvedere; Bank of America, 1541 Polk; Hibernia Bank, Twenty-second and Valencia; Longshoremen's Hall, 29 Clay; Hibernia Bank, Eighteenth and Castro; Building Trades Temple, Fourteenth and Guerrero; Bethlehem Shipyards, Twentieth and Illinois.

**Again: Thursday of next week is the last day on which one can register.**

## May Shift Federal Workers

Power to transfer any of the nation's 2,300,000 federal workers from one agency to another whenever it would bring "a more effective contribution to the war program" will be granted the Civil Service Commission beginning September 27. The order, issued this week by Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the Manpower Commission, authorizes the civil service commission to act without the consent of an employee of his superior.

## STRIKE SUSPENDS NEWSPAPERS

Refusal of union employees of the mechanical departments to pass through a picket line of circulation department workers resulted in suspension of the Trenton (N. J.) *Evening Times* and the Trenton *State Gazette*, the latter a morning paper owned by the same company.

## Veteran Member of Musicians Dead

The many friends and acquaintances of John A. Keogh, former secretary of Musicians' Union No. 6, San Francisco, were pained to learn of his death, which occurred in Oakland last Sunday, at the age of 76 years.

Deceased was one of the first secretaries of the local Musicians' organization and was otherwise active in union circles for many years. When the Municipal Band came into being in San Francisco he was appointed as its first bandmaster. Pursuance of his profession also had taken him into different opera and theatrical orchestras. He taught in the public schools of Alameda county for a long period of time, having retired from that position only a few years ago.

His wife had preceded him in death. A sister, Mrs. Mary A. Gray, a nephew and a niece are the immediate survivors.

The funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at the Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland.

## Kaiser to Aid Seamen's U.S.S.

Henry J. Kaiser has offered financial aid to a plan, indorsed by President Roosevelt, to establish a \$5,000,000 fund for the United Seamen's Services, Inc.

The plan, the U.S.O. of the American Merchant Marine, is to provide rest and recreation facilities in foreign and domestic ports for the crews of American merchant ships and was reported upon in last week's issue of the LABOR CLARION.

Kaiser, who was elected president of the new organization, said he would contribute \$3000 for each of his shipways.

President Roosevelt, in a statement, said in the United Seamen's Service "the people of our country have an instrument through which we may discharge a small part of our debts" to the men who make "hazardous journeys carrying the implements of war to our fighting forces."

## SIGN WITH TEAMSTERS

The management of the huge Kingsbury ordnance plant at Lakeport, Ind., has signed a contract with the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers. The statement issued by Todd & Brown, operators of the Government-sponsored war plant, said the "agreement covers wages, hours and general working conditions, and recognizes Local 298 as bargaining agent for employees who are working as chauffeurs, truck drivers, warehousemen and truckers' helpers" at the plant.

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## Street Railway Purchase on Ballot

A charter amendment to authorize the issuance of \$7,950,000 of revenue bonds for the purchase of the Market Street Railway operating properties and to provide for their consolidated operation with those of the Municipal Railway was approved by the Board of Supervisors this week, and ordered submitted to the voters at the November 3 election.

## UNION BANK QUITS BUSINESS

The Telegraphers' National Bank at St. Louis, one of the few remaining union-owned banks in the United States, has transferred its deposits to the United Bank and Trust Company, and quit business. The bank was founded in 1923 by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.



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### Poll Tax States' Representation

With a population of 6,907,387, California cast 3,268,529 votes and elected *twenty* representatives to the present Congress. With a population of 23,998,109, the eight "poll tax" Southern States cast 2,994,814 votes and elected *seventy-eight* representatives in Congress.

The poll tax varies in different States, from a dollar to two dollars a year. A dollar is not much if one has it, but the average "share cropper" in those poll tax States doesn't have the dollar. Moreover, in some States the tax is cumulative. In Alabama, for instance, if a citizen is 41 years of age and hasn't paid the poll tax since he was 21 he must pay \$30 before he can vote. Of all the States in the union it is only in the eight Southern States—Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia—that poll tax payment is a prerequisite to voting.

Adopted originally, and openly, to keep negroes from voting, today the poll tax is said to rob many more whites than negroes of this basic right of citizenship. The poll tax is made to order for machine vote buying. The "best people" control local and state governments, and send to Congress the anti-labor Vinsons, Coxes and Smiths of Virginia. The labor movement knows only too well of the status and handicap of workers' organizations in the "Solid South."

Through bills now pending in Congress a determined effort is being made to abolish the poll-tax situation in the South in so far as it pertains to voting qualification for federal offices. The measures, however, have been tied up in committee. Petitions are in circulation through which the committee would be discharged and the bills brought to the floor for immediate action. At last reports the petition in the House only lacked some fifteen or twenty signatures of members of that body.

Encouragement is also had, on the part of proponents of the anti-poll tax bills, in the recent action of Congress in granting the right of voting to soldiers without their payment of the poll tax. It is reported, however, that even this may be contested in some sections of the South through declining to count the soldier ballots and thus force a court test of the subject as pertaining to the doctrines of "states' rights" in determining qualifications for electors within each state.

### Conditions in Holland

Several reports reaching London reflect the seriousness of growing shortages of vital commodities which plague the suppressed people of Holland while the Nazi conquerors continue to drain food and other materials from the occupied territory.

The newspaper *Dagblad van het Zuiden* lists the following figures of the Nazi food control bureau: Milk deliveries by farmers to dairies in the Province

of North Brabant for the first five months of 1942 totaled about 22,600,000 pounds compared to 34,320,000 pounds for the same period last year.

According to a decree, restaurants may serve hot meals only between the hours of 12:30 and 4:30 p. m. and 6 and 9 p. m. Hotels and boarding-houses are permitted to furnish hot water only between 7 and 8:30 morning and evening, while elevators and escalators are to be used exclusively for ascending to the third floor or higher.

The Amsterdam *Algemeen Handelsblad* reported that the extensive use of bulb flour for baking had injured the export trade in bulbs. The authorities therefore announce that bulbs may no longer be used "except for normal purposes," depriving bakers of an important ration-free "ersatz."

The shortage of shoes is so severe that the *Toeristen Kampioen*, the Netherlands Tourist Association weekly, advises its readers to "save shoes by walking barefoot." It suggests that this practice will strengthen the feet and adds that many barefoot excursionists will be seen soon.

Even heather has become scarce and its value has jumped fivefold since it has become an important substitute for tropical fibers which can no longer be imported. Heather now is being used in the manufacture of brushes and brooms, which has become a flourishing industry in villages in Drente and North Brabant. The weekly output of these shops is about one hundred thousand brooms and brushes, but this is insufficient for the tremendous demand since heather fibers wear out quickly. Accordingly, there is a rush among the people of the heather-growing areas to go into the new business.

### Fortune Based on the Land

According to stories appearing in New York papers, Vincent Astor is reversing "a century-old policy of his family" and is selling a part of his realty holdings on Manhattan Island. He believes Manhattan has seen its best days, that the fabulous rentals of fifteen or twenty years ago will never come back. He is said to argue that in the future property which serves lower income groups will give the landlord his best returns.

It will be noted that Astor still clings to the land. He should. That's where his family made its fabulous fortune.

More than one hundred years ago John Jacob Astor took the money which he accumulated and bought tracts of land around Manhattan Island. The growth of the city did the rest.

John Jacob is said to have obtained one farm of 160 acres at a foreclosure sale because the owner failed to pay interest on a \$25,000 mortgage. It is estimated that for the last one hundred years that farm has paid the Astors an average of \$1,000,000 a year.

It was to stop that sort of thing that Henry George wrote "Progress and Poverty," but most of us haven't time to read the book any more.

"The millions of American workers are on the job and they are accomplishing production miracles every day. The goals set for them were considered fantastic, yet they have exceeded them all. Today America is outproducing the Axis in planes, ships, guns and tanks, and before long these implements of war will be hurled at the enemy with full and crushing force."—William Green.

It is not the business of courts to manage internal affairs of unions. That important declaration of judicial policy was laid down recently in New York by Supreme Court Justice Bergan. The jurist made the pronouncement when asked to settle a controversy over the length of the term of elective officers in Local 17 of the Hod Carriers and Common Laborers' Union. The court insisted union laws cover the situation. "The courts cannot undertake to run labor unions in detail or interpret their laws on every point of internal controversy," Justice Bergan said.

## Highlights of Labor Day

Highlights of outstanding addresses by prominent Americans on Labor Day follow:

DONALD NELSON, chairman of the War Production Board, said to a workers' rally at Cleveland: "There's only one man who can take away your rights as free American working men and women, and that man is Hitler. Work like hell to beat him and you'll have your rights forever. Let the job slide so that you can indulge in the luxury of exercising those rights when you don't absolutely have to, and you're apt to lose them forever."

### To Conquered Peoples

MATTHEW WOLL, in an address shortwaved to the people in conquered lands of Europe, said: "And so to you, fellow workers in enslaved Europe, fellow workers in Germany and Italy no less enslaved, I say, be of good cheer. You are not alone in this fight against the forces of evil and darkness. Here in America you have 130,000,000 friends, throughout the world you have a thousand million friends. In the name of American organized labor I bid you keep up your courage. Your liberation is certain."

PHILIP MURRAY, C.I.O. President, told a gathering at New Kensington, Pa.: "I've got just as great admiration for the American Federation of Labor as for our own union. There is no quarrel. Our lines of demarcation have been set. We're going to work with the A.F.L. or any other union that will work to win this war. Get that."

### All-Out Support to Nation

I. M. ORNBURN, secretary-treasurer of the A.F.L. Union Label Trades Department, declared in a coast-to-coast radio address: "The Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor has offered its all-out support to our Government to win an early victory in our war for world freedom. Every activity of the department is geared to our total war effort. All of the resources of our organization, the experience of our officials, and the skill of our willing union workers are being channeled through the various war agencies with the single purpose of defeating the Axis nations so we can maintain the democratic institutions by which we have established the best labor conditions in the world."

UNDERSECRETARY OF WAR PATTERSON and UNDERSECRETARY OF NAVY FORRESTAL in joint telegrams sent on Labor Day to employees of more than 500 companies throughout the country which are supplying basic materials for the war program, said: "On every world front American troops are fighting desperately. Their fight will be a long and a hard one. Labor and management in the mines, the mills, the smelters and the forests are fighting too. You are supplying our soldiers, sailors and marines the materials with which to carry the war to the enemy. We need and must have those materials now. With them, the Army and Navy, taking the offensive in both East and West, will smash with you to final victory."

### "Unbelievable Achievement"

REAR ADMIRAL C. H. WOODARD, Chief of the Navy's Incentive Division, said in a Labor Day statement: "The shipyard workers of this country have done a great job for the Navy. Theirs is an almost unbelievable achievement! I wonder if the American public realizes it. On Labor Day alone, more than 150 warship launchings and keel layings took place throughout the United States. That is a world's record for the shipbuilding industry! It is a triumph for free American labor, the hope of the enslaved labor of the Axis-dominated countries."

JOSEPHUS DANIELS, former Secretary of the Navy, in an editorial in the *Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer*: "It is fitting to take stock and contrast Labor Day of 1942 with Labor Day of 1932," Daniels declared. "In these ten years we have witnessed the end of child labor, the destruction of sweatshops, shorter hours, larger pay and the right to bargain collectively. Labor has won more in this ten years than in the previous fifty."



# Committee Approval of New Tax Levy

A record-shattering revenue bill dipping directly into the pocket of more than a third of the nation's citizens for money to help fight the war went to the technical draftsmen last Tuesday with mixed approval and criticism from members of the Senate finance committee.

About 23,000,000 persons who previously paid no federal income taxes would join 20,000,000 old taxpayers and the corporations to provide treasury collections estimated unofficially at more than \$25,500,000,000 annually under terms of the measure as it was approved by the committee.

## Senators Express Opinions

Summing up the group's work on the bill since it passed the House, July 20, Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky expressed a view which was concurred in by several other members when he told reporters: "I think it's a fair bill. It was the best we could do under the circumstances."

Arrayed against this viewpoint was the comment of Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, who called the measure "the worst tax bill in history," and the declaration by Senator Vandenberg of Michigan that the Democrats would have to accept responsibility for operation of the new "victory" tax.

This levy, superimposed on the regular income tax, would collect 5 per cent of earnings above \$624 a year, the assessment being taken out of the paychecks of wage earners.

At the end of the year, credits of 25 per cent of the tax would be available for single persons and 40 per cent, plus 2 per cent for each dependent, to married persons. These could be taken up in debt and insurance deductions or made in the form of post-war rebates by the Treasury.

## Sales Tax Was Proposed

This levy stayed in the bill despite a last-minute effort by Senator Byrd of Virginia to force across a sales tax, linked with increases in income rates and lowering of exemptions.

The bill as proposed by the committee will now go before the Senate for adoption. It will doubtless be several weeks before the two Houses finally reach agreement on the tax measure.

In the following tables is a compilation of the amount to be imposed by the increased rates of the regular income tax, plus the new 5 per cent levy on gross earnings above \$624 yearly. The amount of post-war rebate under the latter tax has been deducted.

Single Person—No Dependents				Married Couple—No Dependents				Married Couple—2 Dependents			
AMOUNT OF TAX				AMOUNT OF TAX				AMOUNT OF TAX			
Net income before personal exemption	House bill with Senate revisions	Victory tax after post-war credit	Combined Tax	Net income before personal exemption	House bill with Senate revisions	Victory tax after post-war credit	Combined Tax	Net income before personal exemption	House bill with Senate revisions	Victory tax after post-war credit	Combined Tax
\$ 600.....	\$15	\$2	\$17	\$ 600.....	\$....	\$1	\$1	\$ 600.....	\$....	\$1	\$1
700.....	34	6	40	700.....	....	5	5	700.....	....	4	4
800.....	52	10	72	800.....	....	8	8	800.....	....	7	7
900.....	71	14	85	900.....	....	11	11	900.....	....	11	11
1000.....	89	18	107	1000.....	....	15	15	1000.....	....	14	14
1200.....	126	27	153	1200.....	....	21	21	1200.....	....	20	20
1500.....	181	39	220	1500.....	48	31	79	1500.....	....	29	29
2000.....	273	60	333	2000.....	140	48	188	2000.....	26	45	71
2500.....	365	81	446	2500.....	232	65	297	2500.....	118	60	178
3000.....	472	102	574	3000.....	324	81	405	3000.....	210	76	286
4000.....	686	143	829	4000.....	532	115	647	4000.....	400	107	507
5000.....	920	185	1105	5000.....	741	148	889	5000.....	614	138	752
6000.....	1174	227	1401	6000.....	992	181	1173	6000.....	836	169	1005

\*Maximum earned income assumed. \*\*Computed by assuming that deductions are 10 per cent of gross income; that is, that gross income is ten-ninths of net income.

## A.F.L. and Russia's Unions

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, in a recent interview, was told of a report from New York that new pressure was being brought to have the Federation reverse its attitude against "full collaboration" with Russia's organized workers.

Three weeks previously, in Chicago, the A.F.L. executive council explained the Federation's reasons for declining a tie-up with the Russian organizations. The Soviet's labor unions are government-controlled and have little in common with free unions, the council pointed out.

"There has been no change in our attitude since we held our sessions in Chicago," Green said in his interview. "I know of no pressure being brought. I am not acquainted with any of the New Yorkers mentioned as urging the A.F.L. to change its stand."

Green said he thought that inasmuch as the A.F.L. is working in close co-operation with the British Trades Union Congress, which in turn is allied with the Soviet labor groups, there would be no difficulty in exchanging American and Russian labor views.

California State mental hospitals, homes for feeble-minded and correctional schools will serve more than 36,000,000 meals to inmates and employees this year, and produce half the food for them on their own farms.

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## Requests Labor's Aid

Organized labor throughout the country was called upon this week by James M. Landis, director of the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense, to lend assistance in bringing before the public the importance of Fire Prevention Week, October 4 to 10, and to aid in impressing the working men and women with the dangers that fire presents to the war effort. The C.O.D. is asking all labor unions in the country to assist by participating with local defense councils in demonstrations, meetings, publicity and "clean up" programs.

During the year 1941 the nation's fire losses were estimated at \$303,895,000, an increase of \$17,493,633 over the previous year. Fire kills more than ten thousand persons a year in this country, many of them important workmen in our industries.

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## 7,500,000 Underpaid, Says Wage-Hour Administrator

American workers to the number of 7,500,000 still receive 40 cents an hour or less and are living "right on the edge of the minimum standard of health and decency or below it," L. Metcalfe Walling, administrator of the wage-hour and public contracts division of the U. S. Labor Department recently stated.

Walling said this group represents 19 per cent of America's working population exclusive of proprietors and government employees.

Of the low-paid group, 1,500,000 who are covered under the wage-hour act are receiving between 30 and 40 cents an hour, he said.

Some of the others, Walling added, in agriculture, retail trade, domestic service, fisheries and other types of work not covered by the law are getting 15 cents an hour or less.

"Even for those of the 7,500,000 who are getting up to 40 cents an hour, \$16 at the most for a 40-hour week," he said, "it must be remembered that the rise in prices has leveled the purchasing power of their 40 cents down toward that of the 30 cents set as a minimum standard of decency when the act was passed in 1938."

## Canadian Losses in Dieppe Raid

In the "Commando" raid on Dieppe, France, on August 19, a total of 3350 Canadians were killed, wounded or are missing, Adj. Gen. Letson disclosed in Ottawa this week. The Canadians were said to have comprised the major portion of the group, which also included American Ranger forces and British troops.

While no official figure ever was given, best available sources, according to press reports, placed the number of Commandos at Dieppe at about 10,000. Nothing has been announced concerning American and British casualties.

Known Canadian dead in the raid totaled 170, the adjutant general reported. Known wounded totaled 633, and 2547 are missing and must be presumed to have died, been wounded or been taken prisoner by the Germans.

## Defer Taking Old-Age Pensions

Of 825,000 men over 65, now eligible for old-age insurance benefits under the Federal Security Act, 585,000 have deferred acceptance of the pensions to remain on their jobs, the Social Security Board announces.

Moreover, 24,000 who had retired before Pearl Harbor have dropped off the pension rolls and have gone back to work. They are eligible for benefits again when they are no longer employed.

## FURNITURE NEEDED

The San Francisco League for Service Men has added three more recreation rooms to the long list it has furnished recently. The latest are in the Presidio, and include one for nurses, one for service men and one for officers. Furnishing includes chairs, tables, floor covering, benches, costumes and curtains. The League is appealing for furniture of all kinds for use to make quarters more pleasant for Coast Guardsmen, and for temporary homes for evacuees which the League is attempting to furnish. Anyone wishing to donate should telephone Graystone 7229 or 8722.

## WARTIME MOVE BY P. G. AND E.

Users of gas and electricity in the rural areas served by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company will be billed for their service every two months after October 1 instead of the customary monthly interval. The change is made by the company as a step in its wartime co-operation. Bi-monthly billing will reduce by one-half the mileage covered by meter readers and the time and labor spent in preparing customer bills.



## Anti-Slave Bill Campaign On Three Radio Systems

Starting next Wednesday, September 23, over the Columbia system on a state-wide hookup, from 7:30 to 7:45 p. m., the California State Federation of Labor will fill the air with overwhelming arguments against Proposition No. 1 (the Slave Bill). Supplementing the Columbia broadcasts, another series of powerful arguments against the Slave Bill will be released over the National Broadcasting Company's Red Network and the McClatchy System.

Members of organized labor are asked to be sure to tune in, and have their friends tune in on all of these broadcasts. First speaker on the Columbia broadcasts will be Bartley Crum, prominent San Francisco attorney and member of the Citizens' Committee Against Proposition No. 1.

### Signs of Bitter Campaign

Signs are already multiplying that the fight to enact the Slave Bill is going to be a bitter one as far as the proponents of Proposition No. 1 are concerned. From now on until the election every member of organized labor will have to double and triple his efforts against the Nazi measure.

Every hope of avoiding a fight on this obnoxious bill which the State Federation of Labor has clung to has vanished. The Federation did everything humanly possible to avoid a fight on this measure, in view of the national emergency, but the backers of the Slave Bill did not dare to expose it to a court test or co-operate in having it withdrawn for the duration. Officials of the Federation declare they regret the time, energy and resources that will be consumed in a fight which could easily have been avoided, but that to ignore this attack on the democratic rights of the people of this State would be nothing short of a betrayal of their rights. From headquarters of the State Federation of Labor this week came the following emphatic declaration:

### Hidden Nazi Sympathizers

"That there are people who are determined to pass class legislation at a time when our country is in the most urgent need of unity only exposes the dangers still existing within its own borders. To avoid the fight for democracy against the outside enemy is very difficult for the hidden column of Nazi sympathizers. But unfortunately it is still possible for the secret supporters of Hitler and his kind to operate quietly and effectively within the country.

"The Nazi admirers must be enjoying their full cup of satisfaction at the prospect of the impending

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struggle over Proposition No. 1. To see the workers wrought up over this outrageous bill at a time when all of their attention is so sorely needed at the jobs they perform in behalf of the war effort should be a heart-warming sight to these representatives of the enemy.

"Now that the Slave Bill fight has been imposed upon the people, the California State Federation of Labor is determined to strike back with all of its might against this threat, and calls upon the citizens of this State to align themselves in this fight on the side of the forces of Democracy and Freedom by voting 'NO' on Proposition No. 1 in November."

### Schedule of Broadcasts

Following is the schedule of broadcasts which the State Federation will sponsor during the intervening weeks between now and the November election (save this listing for future reference):

Columbia System (KQW San Francisco, KNX Los Angeles, KARM Fresno, KROY Sacramento, KGDM Stockton), from 7:30 to 7:45 on the evenings of September 23 and 30, October 7, 14, 21 and 28; from 8:15 to 8:30 on the evenings of October 23 and 30; from 9 to 9:15 on the evening of October 29, and from 8:15 to 8:30 on the evening of November 2.

National Broadcasting Company, Red Network (KPO San Francisco, KFI Los Angeles, KMJ Fresno), from 8:15 to 8:30 on the evenings of October 6, 13, 20 and 27, and from 9:45 to 10 p. m. November 1.

McClatchy System (KFBK Sacramento, KMJ Fresno, KERN Bakersfield, KWG Stockton), also KSRO Santa Rosa and KSFO San Francisco, from 7:30 to 7:45 on the evenings of September 28, October 5, 12, 19 and 26, and November 2.

## Service Emblem of No. 226

Milk Wagon Drivers' Union No. 226 of San Francisco has a handsome banner in its office at the Labor Temple, which honors the members now serving in the armed forces of the nation.

The service emblem is some 5 x 3 feet, made in the national colors, with gold cord adornments, and is mounted on a suitable standard. In the center is sewn a blue star which carries a large, bold numeral indicating the number of members of the organization enlisted. This method is a novel one, used in place of the customary adding of a star for each new enlistment, and the change in the figure from time to time is said to present no problem whatever, and with the added advantage of making known at a glance the number on the service roll.

Members visiting the headquarters of No. 226 and attending its meetings, on noting the emblem are instantly reminded of those who have left its ranks to enter directly into the active forces protecting the freedom and honor of their country against its savage foes.

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## Report on Publicity Work Made by Labor Committee

The war production publicity division of the Unity for Victory Committee last week submitted to the Labor Council a written report, made by Charles Raudebaugh, director of the division, on its work since its establishment in mid-April. Following is a summary of the report:

It was stated that publicity is not a commodity which can be counted or weighed; that the amount of newspaper space and radio time secured are the means, not the end, of a campaign and that the goal of the publicity division is production and more production of war materials—through public recognition of the role organized labor is playing in winning the war. "In such a program, production and publicity are complementary."

### Newspapers and Radio

The report notes that while a regular clipping service was not engaged by the publicity division, such clippings as had come to its attention revealed that more than 300 column-inches of news space had been given by San Francisco newspapers alone to releases sent out by the division office, and specific instances were given of publicity secured for labor events. It was also stated that releases to the labor press, both locally and nationally, had been well received.

The publicity division, the report continues, has been successful in spotting rank-and-file workers on several radio programs, and has had numerous favorable mentions on virtually every news broadcast. The division has been working with one station on a program to be launched which will be devoted entirely to stories of outstanding production accomplishment by San Francisco union members. The radio activities have been handicapped by inadequate funds, and it is the judgment of the publicity division that a radio program should not be instituted unless it is competently done.

### Labor Participation in Meetings

With reference to meetings and other activities in support of the war effort, and other indirectly related events, the report refers to the publicity gained by labor, through its committee, in the recent government conference in Berkeley, the hearings of the State Senate committee on economic planning, the participation of workers in the Harbor Day celebration, and the co-operation of the city's labor organizations in the current drive against venereal diseases. Pending is the conference, September 20, on "Women in Industry," at the Civic Auditorium.

The publicity division published and distributed 15,000 copies of State Senator Shelley's speech before the Commonwealth Club in May. It published also 25,000 copies of the pamphlet, "The Battle of America," and which is now well into the second printing of 50,000. This pamphlet, the report continues, was distributed voluntarily to every member of Congress by a member of the House, who wrote to the division for copies. The Civilian Defense Council of Minneapolis purchased copies, and labor organizations and union members in widely scattered parts of the country wrote in for either single copies or quantity lots.

### HUBBY AGAIN FUMBLES ONE

Smith heard a riddle at the office and decided to try it on his wife. "Do you know," he asked, "why I am like a mule?" "No, I don't," she replied, "and I've often intended to ask you."



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## Honor Pressmen's Officer At Testimonial Dinner

A testimonial dinner was given on Tuesday evening of this week honoring the recent appointment of Herbert de la Rosa as vice-president of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of North America.

The event occurred at the Clift hotel and was attended by high officials of the printing trades unions, representatives of management directly connected with the printing industry, and Secretary John A. O'Connell of the San Francisco Labor Council.

Sheriff Daniel C. Murphy, who is a member of the Web Pressmen's Union, was toastmaster and the speakers were Secretary O'Connell of the Labor Council; L. A. Ireland, secretary of San Francisco Employing Printers' Association; Frank B. Moran, Oakland Printing Pressmen; H. I. Christie, secretary of the San Francisco Allied Printing Trades Council, and Richard McAllister, state representative of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union.

### Installation by George Spooner

Induction of de la Rosa into the office of vice-president was performed by George G. Spooner, well known local member of the pressmen's organization, and who in the ceremony represented Maj. George L. Berry, president of the international union.

De la Rosa is widely known in the ranks of union labor in San Francisco, where he has long been active and aggressive, and also in the industry with which he is connected in an official capacity. His friends will join in extending congratulations on the new position which he has achieved.

A native of California, he joined the Pressmen's Union in 1901, and for thirty-three years he has been in an official position therein, the last ten of which have been as secretary-treasurer. He has been a trustee of the international union's technical trade school since 1928, is the incumbent president of the Northern California Allied Printing Trades Conference, and also is president of the Pacific Slope Pressmen and Affiliates' Conference.

A neatly printed souvenir of the dinner bore a picture of the Pressmen's new official and in addition the names of the speakers and guests of honor.

### Were Honor Guests

In addition to those already mentioned the souvenir recorded the following as honor guests of the occasion:

Joseph Bailey, San Francisco Mailers' Union; Edward M. Balz, International Printing Pressmen's Union, Los Angeles; Clyde Bowen, San Francisco Web Pressmen's Union; J. Vernon Burke, San Francisco Web Pressmen's Union; William Brandes, California Ink Company; Silvio Bruno, San Francisco Printing Pressmen; C. M. Doan, San Francisco Employing Printers' Association; B. Donohue, San Francisco Printing Pressmen; D. Drew, Oakland Printing Pressmen; David Elliott, International Printing Ink Company; Mark J. Fiore, San Francisco Specialties Union; J. A. Fitzgerald, Stockton Printing Pressmen; George Graham, California Ink Company, and Honorary Member of Web Pressmen; Harry Gilmore, Oakland Printing Specialties Union; William S. Hogan, San Francisco Bookbinders' Union; Fred E. Holderby,

San Francisco Typographical Union; R. Raymond Jeffress, Stereotypers and Electrotypes' Union; Frank Kilsby, San Francisco Employing Printers' Association; George Krantz, San Francisco Photo-Engravers' Union; Andrew J. McNamee, San Francisco News-vendors' Union; Harold P. Perazzo, San Francisco Printing Specialties Union; "Tod" Reed, California Ink Company; Leo Ryan, San Francisco Printing Pressmen's Union; Herbert J. Salvatore, San Francisco and East Bay Steel Die Engravers; Louis Sloss, San Francisco Employing Printers' Association; Walter J. Turner, International Printing Pressmen's Union.

The committee having charge of arrangements for the testimonial consisted of George G. Spooner, international representative of the Pressmen's Union; Jack D. Maltester of Printing Specialties and Paper Converters' Union No. 362, and Charles H. Bowers of News-vendors' Union No. 468.

## Apartment-Hotel Union's Officers

At the recent election held by Apartment and Hotel Employees' Union No. 14, the following officers and delegates were named, who will serve for a period of two years:

President, Russell R. Dreyer; first vice-president, Harry C. Ray; second vice-president, Alex Sutherland; recording secretary, James A. Sturgeon; treasurer, Harry W. Giese; guard, A. J. Lay; guide, K. Kachon; business agents, James A. Sturgeon, Lloyd Edwards, James Dunn.

Members of executive committee, Thomas Conroy (trustee), George Hastings (trustee), Irson Jones, John Rowan, Daniel Ryan (trustee), LeRoy Taylor, William Ulrich.

Delegates to Bay District Council, Russell R. Dreyer, James Dunn, Lloyd Edwards, James A. Sturgeon; delegates to State Council, Russell R. Dreyer, Lloyd Edwards, James A. Sturgeon; delegates to San Francisco Labor Council, Thomas Conroy, R. R. Dreyer, Lloyd Edwards, Harry W. Giese, George Hastings, William Hilton, A. J. Lay, C. P. Soules, James A. Sturgeon, LeRoy Taylor; delegates to State Federation of Labor, Thomas Conroy, Russell R. Dreyer, Harry W. Giese.

### TO SPEAK SUNDAY EVENING

The story of London during the war will be given the public in graphic detail next Sunday evening, at 7:45 o'clock, at the First Congregational church, Post and Mason streets, by General George L. Carpenter of London, world leader of the Salvation Army. "A Message of Peace from Bombed Britain," General Carpenter terms his talk, and the public is invited to be present. There is no admission charge.

## Patriotic Revue Will Be Presented at Long Beach

Delegates and visitors at the California State Federation of Labor convention at Long Beach, during the coming week will be shown the Revue "You Can Defend America," as a special event of the week's program. Such is the latest word from convention headquarters.

The "You Can Defend America" Revue, based on the Handbook of the same name, has in the past two years taken an important place in the national war effort, and for home defense. The product of the hard work and sacrifice of a group of inspired patriots, the stage presentation, consisting of nine scenes of pageantry, humor and striking music, has been enthusiastically received in the eastern, southern and midwestern sections of the United States. Over a quarter of a million people, in twenty-two states, have seen the show, and it has been sponsored by sixteen governors and seventy-seven mayors.

Harry E. Brenton, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Musicians, after seeing the 112th performance of the Revue at Miami, Florida, wrote: "The show does three things for the individual and the entire community: First, it arouses us all to the dangers inside as well as outside our borders. Second, it gives every citizen who sees it a picture of what we are fighting for. Third, it sets into motion a program for everybody to take the offensive immediately, right where they are."

### STATE CIVIL SERVICE

The State Personnel Board has announced an examination for duplicating machine operator and for intermediate office appliance operator. The entrance salary for the former is \$105 a month and for the latter \$115 a month. Applications must be filed by September 23. Application forms and further information may be obtained by writing to or calling at the Board's offices, State building, Civic Center, in San Francisco.

An electro-magnet device, developed by General Electric, automatically indicates the condition or ripeness of any fruit without penetrating the skin, *Forbes Magazine* reports.

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## Run o' the Hook

By FRED E. HOLDERBY  
President of Typographical Union No. 21

At the I.T.U. convention, being held in Colorado Springs this week, the following delegates from No. 21 were appointed to serve on committees: C. W. Abbott, committee on credentials; Terry L. Stanley, committee on officers' reports and *Typographical Journal*; A. J. Cuthbertson, committee on union label.

Commercial printers of Chicago Typographical Union on August 30 ratified an agreement with the commercial employers calling for a weekly increase of \$2.10 and one week's vacation with pay. This brings the commercial scale in Chicago to \$59.10, compared with the newspaper scale in that city of \$60, and two weeks' vacation. The *Lakeside Bulletin*, publication of the Chicago Printing Trades Organizing Committee, points out that this increase was obtained while confronted with such non-union competition as Donnelley's, and gives full credit for assistance rendered by International President Baker and N. M. DiPietro, special representative and general director of the campaign to bring the Donnelley firm into line.

In a communication from New York, Walter S. Smith, member of No. 21 working as ship printer, states that he has just made port after a most exciting cruise. He says his ship was with the transport Wakefield when that vessel burned at sea.

Fred Dornbach, machinist at Filmer's until a few months ago, when he accepted a position on the *San Jose News*, visited headquarters on Monday. Fred is still with the *News*, although the recent merger of that paper with the *Mercury-Herald* has necessitated removing all equipment of the *News* to the new building recently taken over by the *Mercury-Herald*. To date, he says, the merger has had no noticeable effect on the composing rooms of the two papers.

Papers of incorporation have been filed in Santa Ana and preparations are under way to launch a new daily in that city, according to *Editor & Publisher*. The new paper, which will start publication around October 15, will be known as the *Orange County Chronicle*. This is the first competition the *Register* has had since 1938 when the *Journal*, a Scripps paper, was purchased and merged with the *Register*.

Earl Mead of the *Shopping News* chapel has postcarded Don Brill from Guatemala. Earl says it is so hot there even he couldn't do any wishful thinking.

Adeline Quinn, daughter of J. J. Bambenek, Forty-Year Honor Roll member of No. 21, has again been honored by election as delegate to represent the San Francisco Bookbinders and Bindery Women's Union at the convention being held this week in Long Beach.

Ernest Fast, Jr., 10-year-old son of Ernest Fast of the Halle-Cordis chapel, who has been in a critical condition at a local hospital for some time, during which time he has received blood transfusions donated by Mr. Fast's fellow workers and many other friends, passed away on Wednesday of last week. The remains were shipped to Los Angeles for interment. Ernest has the sympathy of the entire membership in his bereavement.

Ray Carpenter of the *Shopping News* chapel, president of San Francisco Surf Fishing Club, won a rod in one of the club's contests last year. With this rod he recently landed a 20¼-pound bass in San Pablo Bay. Carpenter is pictured displaying his catch in the last issue of *Pacific Out-of-Doors*.

J. A. Muller of the *Examiner* chapel, who is at present in the shipyards at Vallejo, recently as-

sisted his aged parents, who have a fruit ranch near that city, in saving their prune crop.

R. G. ("Bob") Vernon, *Examiner* operator, left last week for a visit to his old home town, St. Angelo, Texas, where he will spend several weeks visiting with relatives.

J. L. Abbott of the *Chronicle* chapel writes that he is now stationed at Camp Haan, Calif., with Bat. B (Anti-Aircraft) 507th Coast Artillery, and would be pleased to hear from his fellow workers.

Chairman J. E. Whiting of the *Examiner* chapel, accompanied by his daughter, Mary, spent the last two weeks in Fresno and on the Beach at Santa Cruz. "Jack" returned to work Tuesday.

A ceremony performed at Harbin Springs last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock joined in wedlock Joseph F. Rae, proprietor of the Dolores Press, and Miss Ruth Foster of Los Angeles. Around a hundred persons from San Francisco and the Bay area were in attendance at the wedding, including the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Nellie Rae, two brothers and three sisters. Acting as best man and matron of honor were, respectively, John Hurley of Alameda and Mrs. Gladys Carmichael of Los Angeles, the latter a sister of the bride. Between twenty and twenty-five of those present are members of the printing trades. The buffet supper following the ceremony, with the entire assembly participating, was served at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Booth, proprietors of the Harbin Springs resort. At present Mr. and Mrs. Rae are undecided where they will establish their residence, and are now enjoying an extended honeymoon tour of Lake county. "Joe," for years in the commercial field in this jurisdiction, has for some time been a member of the Merchant Marine as engineer, and had just returned from a trip to New Zealand by way of South America, which had taken more than six months.

J. R. Stansbury, *Examiner* chapel, who has been absent from his work for more than a month, has left the hospital and is now convalescing at his home.

Elmer Darrow and C. L. Stright are two more members of the *Examiner* chapel who lost a couple of days last week because of illness. They are back on the job this week.

An article in the "Vox Pop" section of this month's *Typographical Journal* captioned "A United States of the World—Now," by David S. Felter of the Eureka Press chapel, is put forward by Mr. Felter as an answer to the question of solving the India problem. Felter has mailed letters to more than 250 newspapers throughout the country in recent months, many of them being published. His article received a two-column spread in the *Washington Post* on two occasions, and the *New York Sunday News*, a paper with over two million circulation, gave it a prominent position.

Charles J. Giancoli, for many years a member of the James H. Barry chapel, drew a traveler last Monday and moved to Berkeley, where he will make his home in a new residence recently purchased in University Gardens.

George E. Mitchell, Jr., chairman of the *Shopping News* chapel and one of the union's most active members, has been appointed to represent the International Typographical Union on the Federal Committee for the Printing and Publishing and Allied Graphic Arts Industry. Appointment to this important office, which is a part of the wage-and-hour division of the Department of Labor, was conveyed to Mr. Mitchell last Monday. He expects to leave for New York and Washington in a few days.

Abe Rueben, Honor Roll member of San Francisco Typographical Union and for more than 40 years associated with the commercial branch in this city, passed away in his sleep on Monday night. Born in San Francisco, he was 63 years of age and had been on the union's retired list since May, 1939. Surviving are two brothers, Louis and Sol, the former a member of the *Call-Bulletin* chapel, and two sisters, Miss Etta Rueben, residing in San Francisco, and Mrs. Jennie Livingston of Los Angeles. Services were conducted on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rabbi Burstein from Sinai Memorial Chapel, Divisadero street at Geary, and thence to Congregation Beth Israel. Interment was at Salem Memorial Park.

C. J. Haluska, Jr., of the Schwartz Printing Company, received a wire this week from Fort Scott, Ill., informing him that his brother, Edward J. Haluska, a member of the *Chronicle* chapel who en-

listed in the U. S. Army in May, was recuperating from an appendectomy, which had been performed last Friday.

Winifred LaRash, *Examiner* operator, who has been away for the past three weeks, is in Illinois at the bedside of her mother, who has been seriously ill for more than a month.

The Oliver Printing Company last week moved from 447 Sansome street to larger and better quarters on the ground floor of 1121 Mission street near Seventh street.

H. O. Eden, secretary of San Mateo Typographical Union, and a delegate representing No. 624 at the I.T.U. convention, was unable to depart in time to be at the opening meeting last Saturday. He boarded a plane on Sunday for Colorado Springs to be there when the convention went into session Monday morning.

Two members of the *Examiner* chapel can vouch for the fact that no ceiling has been placed on the price of hairpins, and that their value has risen to unbelievable heights.

### News Chapel News—By L. L. Heagney

During Chairman Abbott's absence, at the Colorado Springs convention and his trip on east, Barney O'Neill is acting as chairman. "It's a funny feeling to preside for the first time at a meeting, and I hope Abbott gets back to conduct the October meeting," he commented feelingly.

While Mrs. Conley was in Los Angeles, Al Conley swung to the day shift that he might decorate the inside of their San Bruno home. His wife went south, Al says, to say goodbye to a nephew on the point of departure for a Texas military station.

Prunes from his Walnut Creek orchard which he dried some years ago maybe are not now the best dessert, Eddie Haefer says, but they might be very tasty on meatless days the proposed ration plan will bring, as they certainly are "meaty."

Persons there are who are natural born workers, to whom loafing offers only boredom, and one is Bill Leslie, who joyously quit as head machinist here long, long ago. But he actually jumped at the chance to work again while a machinist vacations. However, despite Leslie's bad example, some of our more mature key punchers and quoin winders still cling to the hope of some day severing their chains.

Those who postponed vacationing until late September are finding plenty of obstacles to leaving town—what with gas, tire and car rationing and railroad and bus accommodations jammed to the ceiling. Asked where he intended to go, Eddie Balthasar guessed he'd run down to San Francisco—the Tourist Bureau claims it's cool there in summer. Likewise Dick Smith, who plans a jaunt to Alameda, where he lives, though he can't give a valid reason why.

### Call-Bulletins—By "Hoot"

Al Clark, night machinist, after a long illness has returned to duty. . . . One of the force, after being fingerprinted for a pass, wants to know if they use white ink on a colored person for fingerprinting. . . . Harry Johnson, one of the "brainery" staff, is taking a vacation and visiting in the south. . . . Another of the gang says that now he has a pass to go through the police lines, he has no excuse for not getting home on time. Shake, brother, say a lot of us. . . . Hiram ("Chubby") Hedges informs us he had a birthday recently, but did not say which. . . . Now that the vacation season is over, chapel members are wondering where they will spend their next vacation, or when. . . . Bruce Davis, who laid off from his job in the proofroom to work in the shipyards, is back again, chasing commas.

### Golf News—By Fred N. Leach

The first meeting of the new board of directors of the Association will be held on Monday night, September 21, at 1444 Seventh avenue, San Francisco. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 7:30 o'clock, and all board members are requested to be present. Permanent committees for the 1943 season will be formed, and other important matters relative to the future of the Association will be on the agenda.

Arrangements have been completed for the September tournament. This tournament was originally scheduled for Hillview Golf Club at San Jose, but in line with the policy of keeping all tournaments close to San Francisco until after the war. Sharp Park was selected. The tournament will tee off on Sunday, September 27, at 10:30 o'clock. The usual entry fee of 50 cents will be charged. Greens fees are \$1—and

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**OFF THE FAIRWAY**—Another volunteer from the S.F.U.P.G.A. for Uncle Sam's Air Force, Tim Godfrey has been accepted and is now in training. Fine work, Tim—you are the twelfth star in the Golf Association's service flag. We're proud of you—but will miss you from our tournaments. . . . A letter to the writer from Staff Sergeant J. A. W. MacDermott tells us that he is getting along fine. He sends his best to all the members of the Association. . . . In answer to many queries as to the absence of a certain southpaw from Sharp Park on Saturday, we have it from reliable sources that he was "indisposed." Anyway, L. L. Sheveland took his place and did right well, too, we understand. . . . Sunday saw Howard Watson and J. A. Tappendorff, among others, out at Sharp—and the president, "Uncle Cy," looked so lonesome as he was putting in the twilight all by himself. . . . "To a dog it shouldn't happen," said Vic Lansberry as he put a brand new pearl in the ditch on the 15th at Sharp on Sunday, and then when he put the second one in the same place he said the same thing in other languages.

Don't forget the first meeting of the board on September 21. If any member has any suggestion, he is welcome to attend the meeting—or a telephone call to the secretary at LOmbard 6-6372 will be the means of bringing the suggestion before the board.

#### Woman's Auxiliary No. 21—By Mable A. Skinner

The executive committee met at the home of Mrs. Selma Keylich, September 10. In the absence of President Louise A. Abbott, First Vice-President Johanna Allyn presided. . . . The label committee met on the evening of September 8, at the home of the chairman, Grace Young. After the business meeting, light refreshments were served. The label committee plans to hold future meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Any member of S.F.W.A. who is interested in label work is welcome at the meetings. . . . Mrs. B. C. Dempsey of Topeka, Kan., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Mabel Porter, paid a visit to her son at Fort Ord before returning to her home.

Mrs. Sophia Rosenthal took a group of high school girls, and her own son and daughter, for a week of fruit picking near Santa Rosa. With the exception of a few sore backs, every one had a good time. Mrs. Rosenthal had quite a thrill while there. She had become separated from one of her aunts twenty-one years ago, and all she knew was that her aunt had come to California; so she just "played a hunch" and went into Santa Rosa looking for her, and—happy ending—there was the aunt. Mrs. Rosenthal says it was her reward for being patriotic.

The Gooler and Blade families spent a pleasant week-end at Watsonville. . . . Miss Janice Faulkner gave her mother, Mrs. Eula Edwards, a surprise party on her birthday, September 12. There was a large turnout of members and a good time was had by everyone. . . . We were pleased to see our first article in the *Typographical Journal*, as we haven't had much luck in the past. So we will try again.

#### Call for Skilled Workers in Hawaii

To facilitate the maneuvers of our armed forces at strategic areas, the Hawaiian division of the U. S. Engineers needs skilled men to build bridges, construct roads and to perform a score of heavy duty jobs. They have requested the Twelfth U. S. Civil Service region to issue a call throughout the states of California, Nevada and Arizona.

Immediate employment in these fields is offered at the hourly rates given: Carpenters, \$1.05 to \$1.30 an hour; auto mechanics for heavy truck and road machinery, \$1.20 to \$1.45; electricians, \$1.45; plumbers, \$1.45; caterpillar-plowdrivers (cat skimmers), \$1.40; mechanic foremen, \$1.60; machinists, \$1.45; hard-rock miners, \$1.25; diesel mechanics, \$1.20 to \$1.45.

Applications are not desired from men over 50 years of age or from those now on war production

jobs unless they will be using greater skills than they are now using in their present employment.

A guarantee of at least four hours of extra work each week, at time and a half, is given; those selected will be asked to sign a year's contract; transportation furnished to the islands; cost of living quarters and subsistence, \$45 a month; wives or families not permitted to accompany men who sign for these posts.

The Civil Service also continues to issue a call for stenographers and typists for employment in Washington, D. C.

Application may be made in person, and information in detail obtained, at the office of the Civil Service, Federal building, San Francisco, or at any U. S. Employment Service office in the states of California, Nevada and Arizona.

#### Haight-Ashbury District 'Bond Day'

"Any Bonds Today?" will be the theme song of the Haight-Ashbury District on Saturday of next week, September 26, when the KGO Bond Wagon carries a colorful variety show and San Francisco's "bond selling auctioneers" to "the Heights" for a day of fun and frolic on behalf of Uncle Sam.

The high bidders in the auction will receive the amount of their bid in War Bonds and Stamps, in addition to receiving the merchandise.

Furnishing the music for the program, which will run from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m., will be Clancy Hayes and his Yerba Buena jazz band, KGO songstress Sonia Shaw, guitar-playing Rosie, and many other talented entertainers. The entire block on Belvedere street between Haight and Waller streets will be roped off for the occasion, and a specially constructed platform truck will be used for the stage.

#### Labor Committee for O'Day

Labor swung into action this week for the re-election of Edward F. O'Day, Democratic nominee for Assembly in the Twenty-fourth district of San Francisco.

"Four years of faithful service to organized labor have earned for Edward O'Day the undivided support of workingmen and women," James E. Rickets, chairman of the labor campaign committee for the re-election of O'Day, said in announcing the formation of the group. "This is no time to switch our allegiance. Labor has a good representative in O'Day. We will do all in our power to keep him in the Assembly."

Other members of the O'Day campaign committee are: Alexander Watchman, vice-chairman; Thomas Tarpey, secretary; Daniel F. Del Carlo, treasurer and campaign manager; Jason D. Brown, George Hardy, William Sutherland, Charles Foehn, Ernest Lotti, J. F. Kennedy, Edward Dwyer, Dewey Mead, Anthony Ballerini, Assemblyman Edward M. Gaffney, Arthur Hare, A. Gemmet, Joseph Fitzpatrick, James B. Gallagher, Thomas Walsh, James Dalton, William Gilday, John Baird, R. X. Siebert, Reed Stoney, Robert Summers, Bert Williams, Michael F. Coll and Sam Caprioli.

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## Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

The September meeting of No. 18 will be held the coming Sunday at the Labor Temple.

President Bennetts, No. 18's delegate to the Colorado Springs convention, plans visiting Los Angeles, Denver and Salt Lake City.

Several of our golf fans have now added bowling to their athletic activities, with the following scores: President Bennetts 225, Duncan Ross 196, Paul Lutz 147, Harvey Viele 178, Al Le Blanc 133. Bowling contests are held every Thursday morning.

While Charles A. Pirie is on his vacation, Wallace A. Berry is acting foreman of the *Chronicle* mail room, with J. E. Cornelson and Eugene Pritchard as assistant "skippers." . . . M. A. Michelson, *Chronicle* chapel, accompanied by his family, is vacationing in the Russian River country. . . . Ralph Scott, president of San Diego Mailers' Union, was a last week's visitor to the Bay cities. . . . Al Le Blanc, apprentice, *Chronicle* chapel, will be inducted into military service on September 23, with the title of Acting Corporal in conducting several new recruits to military headquarters at Monterey. . . . M. Rambo and Horace Stafford, *Examiner* chapel, were inducted into military service September 15. . . . Berne Chedester last week resigned his job in defense industries, as electrician's helper, and is back again on the sub line.

C. W. von Ritter this week transferred his "slip" from the *Chronicle* to the *People's World*, becoming a regular situation holder. . . . Floyd E. Edwards of Los Angeles Mailers' Union, a former secretary of that union and who worked here some years ago, has announced by card that though still in his "early 50's" a recent new arrival in the family relationship give him the distinction of becoming a "great-great-grandad." Congratulations!

The results of the "field meet" of the disunited mailer clans of the M.T.D.U. at Colorado Springs should prove interesting. While their spokesmen have been preaching "unity" in mailer ranks, they themselves are split into warring factions, while the so-called "outlaw" unions continue to function in a fine spirit of co-operation and co-ordination of efforts locally and nationally, greatly to the benefit of all concerned.

At the August meeting of "Big Six" Typos, a proposition presented by Elmer Brown and Pat Killcoyne was unanimously approved and whereby its delegates were instructed to propose a referendum of the membership on reaffiliation with the A.F.L.

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The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committee meets every Monday, at 8 p. m. The Organizing Committee meets every Friday, at 7 p. m. The Union Label Section meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p. m.

### Synopsis of Meeting Held Friday, September 11, 1942

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m. by President Shelley.

**Roll Call of Officers**—All present.

**Reading of Minutes**—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the LABOR CLARION.

**Credentials**—Referred to the organizing committee.

**Report of the Organizing Committee**—(Meeting held Friday, September 4, 1942.) Called to order at 7 p. m. by Chairman Thomas White. The following were examined and found to have the necessary qualifications and your committee recommends that they be seated as delegates to the Labor Council: Apartment and Hotel Employees No. 14, Thomas Conroy, Russell Dreyer, Lloyd Edwards, Harry C. Giese, C. P. Soules and James Sturgeon. Beauticians No. 12, Margaret McFarland, Street Carmen, Division 518, J. M. Dunne. Street Carmen, Division 1004, Francis Carroll.

**Communications**—Filed: Minutes of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council dated September 3, 1942. Weekly News Letters from the California State Federation of Labor, dated September 8 and 15, 1942. From Hotel Service Workers No. 283 stating that the resolution relating to the San Francisco War Chest was adopted unanimously by their membership in their September 2 meeting. From Waiters and Dairy Lunchmen No. 30, stating that their membership indorsed in principle the resolution regarding the War Chest and were subscribing one day's pay thereto. From the San Francisco League for Service Men, thanking the Council for granting to their representatives permission of the floor at its meeting of Friday, August 28.

**Donations**: For campaign against Slave Bill 877, and in support of the Radio Program: Hotel Service Workers No. 283, \$150 (\$75 for each).

Bills were read and ordered paid, after being approved by the trustees.

**Referred to the Executive Committee**: Office Employees No. 21320, requesting assistance from the Council in reaching a settlement in their negotiations with the Association of Distributors. Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders,

requesting strike sanction against the following: Cecil Hotel and Coffee Shop, 545 Post street; Humpty Dumpty, 978 Market street; Unique Coffee Shop, 246 Montgomery street; Netherlands Hotel, 203 Fourth street; Young's Restaurant, 1095 Hyde street; Three Mills Creamery, 836 Irving street.

**Referred to the LABOR CLARION**: Communication from the Bay District Joint Council of Building Service Employees No. 2 regarding a 13-week radio program called "The Road to Victory." Special report of the war production publicity division of the Unity for Victory Committee.

**Resolutions**: Resolution submitted by Henry S. Foley of Street Carmen, Division 518, regarding a proposed amendment to Section 151 of the Charter of San Francisco; resolving that the Council declare itself as opposed to said amendment, in its present form and directing the officers of the Council to appear before the Board of Supervisors on Monday, September 14, for the purpose of having the Board adopt satisfactory amendments to the proposed Charter amendment; otherwise to oppose the Board's adoption of the amendment in its present form. Motion to adopt; carried. (See resolution in full in another column.)

**Report of the Executive Committee**—(Meeting held August 31, 1942.) Called to order at 8 p. m. by President Shelley. In the matter of Window Cleaners No. 44, requesting strike sanction against the Hotel Mark Hopkins and the Hotel Whitecomb, a committee consisting of John St. Peter and others of the Joint Board of Culinary Workers and Bartenders appeared for the union; the basis of this complaint is the employment of non-union window washers, and failure on the part of the hotel to re-employ union men at the close of the recent strike; your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted and that the Council appeal to the War Labor Board requesting them to intervene and to bring about an adjustment. In the matter of Automobile Painters No. 1073, requesting strike sanction against the Automotive Maintenance and Garage Association, 1182 Market street, Brothers Stanton, Funke, Vanderhofer and Winder appeared for the union; Brother Madigan appeared for the Automotive Council; after listening to all parties concerned, the matter was left in the hands of the president to arrange a conference and to bring about an adjustment. In the matter of Apartment and Hotel Employees No. 14, requesting strike sanction against several apartment operators, four of which matters were reported settled; the matter of James Irvine of 1091 Bush street and 545 O'Farrell street was taken up; the basis of this complaint is that they are not paying the wages, and have no agreement; Brothers Dreyer and Sturgeon appeared representing the organization; Mr. Rogers appeared for Mr. Irvine; Mr. Rogers has arranged to meet the representatives of the organization and discuss the matter further; in the event of failure to

adjust the differences, your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted. In the matter of Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484 and their agreement, Brother Phillips explained the changes in the new agreement, to-wit, change in starting time from 6 to 7 a. m., an increase in wage of \$1.50 per day, raising the overnight allowance to drivers from \$4.50 to \$5.50, prohibiting pick-up on Sundays and holidays; this agreement has received the indorsement of the Joint Executive Council of Teamsters and your committee recommends approval subject to the indorsement of the international union, and with the usual admonition. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m.; the next meeting to be held on Monday evening, September 14. The report of the committee as a whole was adopted as corrected.

**Report of the Law and Legislative Committee**—(Meetings held September 3 and September 10, 1942.) Rendered report on two resolutions putting the Council on record as opposed to Proposition No. 4 on the November ballot repealing the State Personal Income Tax. The committee rendered a lengthy report stating that they had held three hearings on the resolutions, with proponents and opponents appearing before the committee and giving arguments and reasons for their recommendation. The committee's recommendation was that the two resolutions be non-concurred in and that the resolutions be filed. Motion was made to adopt the committee's report and recommendation; after lengthy debate, the motion was lost. Motion was then made that the resolution introduced by President Shelley be adopted; motion carried. (See resolution adopted, in another column.)

**Report of the Nursery Child Care Committee**—(Meeting held September 4, 1942.) Report was made regarding the meeting of this committee at which were present President Shelley, Mrs. John Field, Bee Odle Snyder, Madeline Rooney and Minnette Fitzgerald. Miss Elizabeth Hall of the Mental Hygiene Society was also present. After a lengthy discussion, the following recommendations were made by the committee: That the San Francisco Labor Council officially take part in the survey in order that state and county authorities will take cognizance of what is needed for this work as soon as possible. That each and every union affiliated with the Council canvass their membership at once for this information on facts and figures, and that if there are no mothers in the union the father furnish the facts instead, as in all probability their wives will be in some war industry before long. The report as a whole was adopted.

**Reports of Unions**—Arthur Hare of Hospital and Institutional Workers No. 250 reported as chairman of the blood donors' committee of the A.F.L. committee, consisting of Brothers Hare, Isaacs, Cancilla and Byrnes. He outlined the need of 400 pints of blood per day by the Blood Bank and the program formulated by the committee, in which program he requested the co-operation of all unions affiliated with the Labor Council. He stated that in the near future pledge cards would be furnished to the unions, and arrangements are being made to handle more donors per day than is at present possible. The unions will be advised of the progress of this program. Brother White of Warehousemen No. 860, Brother Costa of Chauffeurs No. 265, Elevator Operators No. 117 and the Production Machinists all reported on the activities of their organizations in co-operating with the Blood Bank in its drive to secure plasma.

**Receipts, \$810.00; expenses, \$1877.62.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p. m.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

### HOTEL WORKERS TO BUY AMBULANCES

An assessment of \$2 on each of the 4000 members of Local 16, Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance, in New York City, to start a fund in the industry for ambulances for the United States, British, Russian and Chinese armies was voted by members at a meeting. The local will seek other contributions to raise at least \$15,000 by December 7, when the drive will end with a big "Will to Victory" meeting.

## "We Don't Patronize" List

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of labor unions and sympathizers are requested to note this list carefully from week to week:

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American Distributing Company.  
Austin Studio, 833 Market.  
Avenue Hotel, 419 Golden Gate.  
Becker Distributing Company.  
Bruener, John, Company.  
B & G Sandwich Shops.  
California Watch Case Company.  
Chan Quong, photo engraver, 680 Clay.  
Curtis Publishing Co. (Philadelphia), publishers of *Saturday Evening Post*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Country Gentleman*.  
Desenfant, A., & Co., manufacturing jewelers, 150 Post.  
Doran Hotels (include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central, 1412 Market St., and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).  
Drake Cleaners and Dyers.  
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.  
Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.  
Gates Rubber Company, 2700 Sixteenth Street.  
General Distillers, Ltd., 136 Front St.  
Golden State Bakers, 1840 Polk.  
Goldstone Bros., manufacturers of overalls and workingmen's clothing.  
Howard Automobile Company.  
Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.  
Mirsky, B., & Son, wholesale cigars and tobaccos, 468 Third street.  
M. R. C. Roller Bearing Company, 550 Polk.  
National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.  
Navalet Seed Company, 423 Market.  
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co. Products, Los Angeles.

Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.  
Purity Springs Water Company, 2050 Kearny.  
Remington-Rand, Inc., 509 Market.  
Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones.  
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.  
Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland.  
Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.  
Sloane, W. & J.  
Smith, L. C., Typewriter Company, 545 Market.  
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.  
Standard Oil Company.  
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.  
Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.  
Swift & Co.  
*Time and Life* (magazines), products of the unfair Donnellev firm (Chicago).  
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.  
Val Vita Food Products Inc., Fullerton, Calif.  
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.  
All non-union independent taxicabs.  
Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.  
Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists' Department of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America are unfair.  
Cleaning establishments that do not display the shop card of Retail Cleaners' Union No. 93 are unfair.  
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## Labor Council Resolutions

As referred to in the minutes of the San Francisco Labor Council, appearing on page 10 of this issue, the following resolutions were adopted by that body at its meeting held last Friday evening:

### STATE INCOME TAX

*Whereas*, The people of California did enact several years ago a state income tax with a full recognition that the only fair and equitable tax is an income tax which is levied on the ability of the individual to pay and which principle is in full line with the age-old policy of labor of taxation in accordance with ability to pay; and

*Whereas*, Certain corporations and monied individuals in this state fought the imposition of this tax in the first place, and are now using the general tax condition of the state as an argument for its repeal; and

*Whereas*, Proposition No. 4 on the ballot in the State general election on November 3 repeals this tax and prohibits the levy of an income tax at any time in the future until another initiative is passed by the people re-establishing a state income tax, which method of reducing taxes is false and simply an attempt to relieve the burden on those who now can pay a tax, without full consideration to the problem of the small wage earner who is burdened by the sales tax and other hidden taxes in this state; and

*Whereas*, The proper solution of this problem rests in a raising of the amount exempted from taxation and a lowering of the percentage of the tax placed on salaries earned in excess of the above mentioned minimum; and

*Whereas*, The problem of the working people of this state in connection with taxation can best be improved by an elimination of the sales tax on certain items and all foodstuffs, prepared or unprepared, and/or an over-all reduction in the percentage of the sales tax; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Labor Council, in meeting assembled on September 11, 1942, puts itself on record as opposed to Proposition No. 4 (repeal of the state income tax); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we record ourselves as being in favor of labor directing its efforts toward having the Legislature revise the present income tax structure and sales tax levy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Council instruct its delegates to present and support this resolution at the California State Federation of Labor convention to be held in Long Beach, Calif., commencing the week of September 21; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to each affiliated union for their action, and to Hon. Culbert Olson, Governor of California, and to the press.

### PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

*Whereas*, An amendment to Section 151 of the Charter of San Francisco has been proposed which prohibits a raise in pay to any craft or trade unless

each time a pay raise is requested the Civil Service Commission spends \$12,500 for a "comprehensive survey" of all employments in the city and compares the wages paid in private employment with that paid in all of the 700 classifications of city employment; and

*Whereas*, Said amendment compels the Board of Supervisors to adopt the recommendations of the Civil Service Commission and strips the Board of Supervisors of all power to amend or increase the compensations fixed by the Civil Service Commission; and

*Whereas*, The amendment is full of administrative details inserted therein to provide opponents of any increase in wages with technical points upon which to hang lawsuits and delay and stop any pay raises; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the San Francisco Labor Council that we declare ourselves opposed to said amendment in its present form and that we direct the officers of the Council to appear before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on Monday, September 14, 1942, for the purpose of having the Board adopt satisfactory amendments to the Charter amendment, otherwise to oppose the Board's adoption of the amendment in its present form.

*Next Thursday—The Last Day to Register!*

## A.F.L. Membership Report

The American Federation of Labor reported this week that its total dues-paid membership at the close of the fiscal year, August 31, was 5,482,581, representing the highest enrollment in Federation history and a gain of 913,525 over the previous year.

"This includes only dues-paid members in good standing," said a statement by George Meany, secretary-treasurer. "In addition our unions have an estimated floating membership of some 500,000, bringing our aggregate membership up to 6,000,000."

## BLOOD DONORS AT SAN QUENTIN

Three units of the Red Cross Volunteer Mobile Blood Corps, comprising staffs of nurses, supervisors, canteen hostesses, motor corps officers and volunteer workers recent spent a day at San Quentin prison and came away with 148 pints of blood given by inmate donors.

## TIN CAN COLLECTION

Forty-four carloads of tin cans were collected in San Francisco last Sunday, topping the last collection by three carloads and bringing to 2290 tons the total collected since April. School children and teachers are being mobilized for the national tin can drive beginning October 5.



## THE "MINUTE MAN" ... was a worker, too!

The "Minute Men" of Concord and Lexington, who gave us liberty, were workers, too. Just as today, they fought with tools and guns alike.

... Today America faces the most dangerous foes in all its history. This is a people's war—a workers' war—everything we have is at stake.

... Today all America salutes Labor for its epic four-star Victory Drive—

★ In out-producing the Axis in guns, planes, tanks, ships, and other vital equipment needed for victory.

★ In supplying millions of men to the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

★ In working on Civilian Defense, through air raid protection, salvage, conservation, Red Cross, and other home front activities.

★ In setting the pace for America's great WAR BOND VICTORY DRIVE for 10 percent of everybody's income invested regularly, systematically in War Savings Bonds.

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## Firm's Employees Aid in "Food for Victory" Plan

The California State Federation of Labor's "Food for Victory" campaign is already bearing fruit. Typifying the interest awakened and the co-operation mobilized through this campaign is a letter addressed to Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary of the Federation, by the manager of the public and industrial relations departments of the Paraffine Companies, Inc. The letter, which is self-explanatory, follows:

### Relates Happy Experiences

"Dear Mr. Vandeleur:

"Pursuant to our telephone conversation last week, I am writing this letter to tell you of the prune picking trip of our Pabco people.

"Mr. William Diaz, a welder in our Emeryville plant, turned in a suggestion through the labor-management committee, suggesting that employees volunteer to harvest crops on their days off. The suggestion was immediately approved by the committee, and within a short time thirty-five people had volunteered to go out on Sunday, August 30.

"Arrangements made through the Federal Employment Service, supplied the school bus which picked us up at the plant at 7 o'clock on Sunday morning. We were taken to the town of Vineburg in Sonoma county. Thirty-one of the group spent their time picking prunes while the other four of us went to work in a pear drier.

### One Day's Accomplishment

"When the day's statistics were turned in, we found that the group of prune pickers had picked over 10 1/4 tons of prunes and the four in the pear drier had handled over 11 tons of dried fruit, putting these operations from a week to two weeks ahead of schedule.

"People were paid at the prevailing rate which amounted to 20 cents a lug for prunes and 60 cents an hour for hourly labor. Many of the people did not expect to receive any money and, as a matter of fact, a machinist in our group when asked 'how long and how much' told the farmer that he had volunteered for this job and didn't expect any compensation.

### Sightseeing Trip Also

"The day was both an outing and a sightseeing trip for our people. Because of the rubber shortage, many of us are not able to take our families out to the country for a picnic as we once did. I am quite sure that many of our people were not familiar with the tremendous housing project in Vallejo which they saw first hand as the bus passed through this area. In short, it was a grand day both for the farmer and for ourselves.

"I have talked to Mr. Huxley of the War Manpower Commission and Mr. Bob Wilson of the State Chamber of Commerce regarding this effort, with the hope that other industries may be contacted to do the same job. I am sure this help in other areas will do much to promote better relationship between farmer and industry and organized labor.

### Union Participation

"I am inclosing a picture of the group of thirty-five who made this prune picking trip. You may be able to pick out some of your friends. For example, there is Tom Melgaard, superintendent of the linoleum factory; George Olsen, his assistant; Bill Stitt, plant engineer, and representatives from almost all of the fifteen unions in the plant and their families.

"If there is any further information I can give you on the organization of this program, I will be most happy to do so.

"Very truly yours,

IAN M. FERGUSON, Manager,  
Public and Industrial Relations Depts."

### Co-operation Urged

The State Federation of Labor strongly urges all branches of the labor movement to initiate similar projects, and co-operate in every way possible whenever the opportunity presents itself, and points out

that it would be criminal to permit the crops to rot and thus deprive the nation's armed forces of the necessary foodstuffs. "Food is just as vital as guns and ammunition, and the Federation cannot stress too strongly the imperative need of labor doing everything within its power to make the 'Food for Victory' campaign a real success."

### POSITIONS FOR DEAF PERSONS

In order to provide employment opportunities for deaf persons, the State Personnel Board has announced a series of examinations for positions at the School for the Deaf in Berkeley. The examinations will be for deaf waitress, deaf kitchen helper, deaf laborer and deaf janitor-janitress. Applications must be filed in person at the Berkeley School for the Deaf between 9 and 10:30 a. m. on September 26. Application forms and further information may be obtained at the time of filing or may be obtained in advance at the offices of the Board in San Francisco.

### A CAMOUFLAGE RECORD

Colonel: "Why on earth are you men climbing trees and crawling through the bushes?" Private: "Well, sir, we camouflaged the guns before lunch and now we can't find them."

## Soldiers' Vote Measure Is Approved by House

By the decisive vote of 247 to 53, the House passed the soldiers' vote bill containing the Senate provision for suspending for the duration of the war the poll tax laws of eight states, so far as servicemen are concerned.

All but four of the 53 votes recorded against the bill were cast by Representatives from Southern states, but the roll-call also showed 24 Southerners for adoption, 11 of them from states having poll tax laws. The House action was viewed widely as heralding the possible repeal of poll tax laws by federal legislation.

### Gaffney Expresses Appreciation

In a communication to the LABOR CLARION, Assemblyman Edward M. Gaffney of the Twenty-sixth district, San Francisco, states: "Through your columns, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the officers and members of organized labor affiliated with the San Francisco Labor Council for the efforts that resulted in my re-election by an overwhelming majority."



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